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IS IN YOUR HANDS**

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 16, 2009

Today

ENJOY

A

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Performances by UAB Student
Carolers, Ensemble, Operatic Soloist, Choir and Pianist

Please join fellow club members as fellow Rotarian Henry Panion, musician extraordinaire, showcases some of the talent in UAB's Dept of Music presenting a wide variety of performances including a jazz ensemble, opera, concert choir, and a renown student pianist among others. This is a musical extravaganza to celebrate the holidays with the best UAB has to offer in music. Come prepared to find the students and their music throughout The Harbert Center.

Henry Panion, III, PhD, holds degrees in music education and music theory from Alabama A & M University and Ohio State University, respectively. He is most known for his work as conductor and arranger for superstar Stevie Wonder, for whose performances and recordings he has led many of the world's most notable orchestras, including the Royal Philharmonic, the Bolshoi Theater Orchestra, the Birmingham (England) Symphony, the Orchestra of Paris, the Melbourne (Australia) Symphony, the Rio de Janeiro Philharmonic, the Ra'anana Philharmonic, the Nice Symphony, the Gothenburg Symphony, and the Boston Pops Orchestra. The two-CD set Natural Wonder features Henry conducting his arrangements of many of Stevie Wonder's award-winning, chart-topping songs with Stevie and the Tokyo Philharmonic.

As a producer, composer, arranger, and orchestrator, Henry's work has produced two Grammy Awards, two Dove Awards, and a host of other national music awards and nominations. From 1994 to 2000, Henry served as chair of the Department of Music at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Other honors include a 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award from Alabama A & M University and a 1996 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award from the Ohio State University. He is the 1996 recipient of the Caroline P. and Charles W. Ireland Award for Scholarly Distinction and the 2009 recipient of the Congressional Black Caucus' Civic and Cultural Advancement Award. Dr. Panion was inducted into the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame in 1995, as well as the Alabama A & M University Hall of Fame in 2000. The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees has honored Henry for his many contributions to the field of music by bestowing upon him the distinguished appointment of University Professor. In 2009, Henry was appointed to the post of Cultural Ambassador for the City of Birmingham.

Holiday Egg Nog

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dec 23 No meeting

Dec 30 No meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan 6 Tom Broughton
ServisFirst

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The Rotary office will be closed from December 19 to January 5th 2010. Messages will be collected during the two weeks. Please leave a voice message or an email message and continue to use the U.S. mail for other correspondence and payments.

ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS



Gary Warner
 Director of Research in Computer Forensics
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Congressman Parker Griffith
 2101 Clinton Avenue West
 Suite 302
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Randall Stephenson
 CEO, AT&T
 208 S. Akard Street
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Governor Bob Riley
 Alabama State Capitol
 600 Dexter Avenue
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MINI PROGRAM: INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT - FIGHTING BREAST CANCER THE MAMMOGRAPHY MACHINE - SRI LANKA

We did it! We did it! The RCB's 2009 International Service Project to provide the women of Sri Lanka with early cancer screening for breast cancer reached one high point after another last Wednesday. Governor Riley tee'd up the cause by relating the story of Nancy Brinker and her sister's plea to end breast cancer. Dr. Richard Hirsh came from his home in Akron, Ohio to explain his mission work through Radiology Mammography International and how the partnership with this club and the Rotary Club of Sri Lanka could translate into two scanning machines. General Electric emailed Vice President Edgar Marx asking for a shipping address and a billing address, which was the sure sign that significant help is on its way.

In Edgar's brief address to club members, he announced that by partnering with GE and RMI, this club can parlay its \$70,000 into a completed project valued at over \$100,000 to include the delivery of one mammography machine (from GE) to be delivered within a few weeks; another mammography machine (from Hologic and RMI) pending the favorable outcome of Dr. Hirsh's site visit in April 2010; another Hologic machine in late 2010 (possibly ultra-sound machine); two weeks of professional training by Dr. Hirsh and his team from RMI; long term service contracts; and breast cancer awareness campaigns.

To date, approximately \$70,000 has been raised. Thanks to all! In spite of economic challenges Birmingham Rotarians will directly save lives. Medical opinion on breast cancer is uniform. Early screening is the answer. While mammography is available in Sri Lanka, it is NOT available for early screening or available to everyone. Machines provided by the Rotary Club of Birmingham answer both of those needs and will be installed in the Early Cancer Detection Center (ECDC), which is to be built by our sister club, the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Until construction has been completed, the RCC negotiated an arrangement with a local hospital for space.

Breast cancer is a disease with which we are all intimately familiar; this is a disease the Number 2 Rotary Club in the world chose to fight and we started by helping our sister club who had the headstart with their Early Cancer Detection Center.

Asking for your participation and support, for you to contribute to multiple Rotary projects, and for you to think globally at a time when resources locally are in such demand was a challenge, but Edgar and his dedicated committee researched, wrote, contacted, designed, organized, supported, and followed up with diligence and hard work. Birmingham Rotarians responded in a caring manner. Thank you and Congratulations!



UPCOMING ROTARY OPPORTUNITIES

DEC 15 Last date for discounted registration for the Rotary International Convention, June 20- 23 in Montreal.

- The Rotary International Convention is something every Rotarian should experience. By participating in an RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. Rotarians from every part of the world gathered in one location to hear speakers on many topics of international interest. Former speakers have included Nobel Peace Prize winners like Mohammed Unus on micro-credit, Bill Gates Sr., Paul McCartney, the head of the CDC and WHO, the Secretary General of the U.N. and many others. One of the confirmed speakers for the convention in Montreal is Greg Mortenson, Author, Co-founder and Executive Director, Central Asia Institute. Every time you attend a plenary session, an entertainment event, a breakout session on any topic, walk through a corridor or participate on a local tour, you will meet Rtns from everywhere imaginable expanding your understanding of this worldwide organization as will your understanding of the plight of millions of others and what Rotary does to address all kinds of needs.

JAN 6 SAVE the DATE: Evening fellowship event at the Birmingham Museum of Art to see the *Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness* exhibit

ALL Rotarians are encouraged to participate in ALL of the above. Very few things are limited to District or Club leadership only. Please call the Rotary office for more information and to sign up for any or all of the above. 251-1995

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Dec 16 RED KETTLE COLLECTION for The Salvation Army

Many Thanks to Luther Strange and Philippe Lathrop for ringing the bells at last week's meeting. This is a wonderful way to make a gift that will be put to immediate use and benefit local families. For comparison, please recall that last year, this club rang in over \$50,000 for Salvation Army. Next week, please look for Hall and Mike Thompson as they ring bells in good cheer and high hopes of helping local families in need.

In Rotary's Past



William W. McTyeire, Jr.

1968 - On September 4th, 1968, the speaker of the day at Rotary was William W. McTyeire, Jr., President of Birmingham Ornamental Iron Company. His entertaining talk was billed, "Poetry, Experiences, and Other Things." Bill McTyeire had, and continued to have, a reputation for giving entertaining and informative talks to many local and national organizations.

